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**House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Environment and Economy, will hold a TSCA hearing tomorrow at 10 a.m. on chemical testing under Section 4 and reporting/retention of information under Section 8.** It will also cover the chemical spill in West Virginia last month which is the topic of a Senate EPW hearing (see below) at the same time. The press reported that Rep. Shimkus is currently working on a TSCA reform bill. EPA is not testifying. **Witnesses:** Dr. Beth Bosley, Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates; Charles Drevna, American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers; Dr. Brent Grazman, IPC - Association Connecting Electronics Industries; Robert Matthews, Consumer Specialty Products Association; Dr. Catherine Willett, The Humane Society of the United States; Dr. Jerry Paulson, American Academy of Pediatrics; and Dr. Jennifer Sass, Natural Resources Defense Council.

In advance of the hearing, Committee staff released possible hearing questions (see attached, page 4).

**Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, will hold a hearing at 10 a.m. tomorrow on the impacts of the West Virginia Chemical Spill.** The panel will also discuss S.1961 (Sens. Manchin, Boxer and Rockefeller), the *Chemical Safety and Drinking Water Protection Act*, which amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to increase oversight of aboveground chemical storage facilities. The press reported that Sen. Boxer hopes to fast-track the bill through the committee. EPA is not testifying. **Witnesses:** Natalie Tennant, West Virginia Secretary of State; Randy Huffman, Department of Environmental Protection; Erik Olson, Natural Resources Defense Council; Brent Fewell, United Water; Michael McNulty, general manager of the Putnam Public Service District; Richard O. Faulk, partner at Hollingsworth, LLP; and R. Peter Weaver, vice president of government affairs for the International Liquid Terminals Association. The press reported that Sec. Tennant is expected to call for more transparency from the EPA

We will report back on the results of both hearings.

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